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PARKING PROBLEMS:

Is There A Solution?

by Frank Spinner

During the Summer St. Joseph's College students learned that the method of distributing parking tags had been changed.

In past years, parking tags were given out on a first come first serve basis, starting on Freshman orientation. However, many of the upper classmen were worried that the freshman would buy up a majority of the tags, leaving only a small number available for them.

It was then decided to start selling tags on the first day of classes. Many feared that students would find it more important to obtain a tag, than to attend a class. This would not set a good example to the freshmen on their first day of classes. so then, in order to keep the distibution fair, a lottery system was adopted.

The students were outraged. Many students depend on having a parking spot, and were troubled about the time it would take to find a spot on the street, if they could not obtain a tag. Some thought that having to search for a spot would cause them to be late to class, or to park illegally and have to move their cars later on.

For these reasons alone, parking on the street is not a very attractive option for most. What adds to the problem is that students are fearful of this neighborhood. They are worried about broken windows and stolen radios and felt they would have a greater peace of mind, if they were guaranteed a spot in one of the lots.

Car pooling has been encouraged this semester to help remedy the problem. However, many students say that they have car pooled in previous years, anyway, and that this idea can only be seen as part of a grander solution.

This issue was recently on the agenda of a College Advisory Council meeting. They decided that a parking forum would be held so that students could offer their suggestions.

At this forum, which was attended by about twenty five students, the four UA officers, Sherrie VanArnam, and Charlie Zink, a decision was finally reached.

The students voted unanamously to have the tags sold on a first come first served basis on a day when no classes were held. The selling of half day tags, for students who attend classes only after 12:30 pm, such as student teachers and those in an internship program, was also agreed upon. Lastly, a majority decided against the selling of temporary tags.

Since this opportunity to make policy was given to the students, it is believed that there should be no further complaints about the parking system.

AND THE OFFICERS ARE . . .

by John A. Fitzgerald and Maura Fitzgerald

With the start of a new academic year at St. Joseph's comes a change in Student Government.

Known as an active and caring student, Denise McLinden is the perfect candidate for the Undergraduate Association President. Presently a senior, Denise is a Speech Major who plans on attending graduate school out-of-state.

"Compared to the benefits the officers at Brooklyn College get," jokes Denise, "the coolest part about being president is having my own office."

Since taking over her position she has already planed several activities for the coming school year. "If I could leave my mark on St. Joseph's in only one way," comments Denise," I'd want to get more people involved and have this be the best year ever in this school." It's a big job for a pint size president, but her enthusiastic personality should do the trick.

Jeanne McNally, St. Joseph's new Vice President also seems ideally suited to governing the U.A. "Basically," she says "my job is to plan and run the Awards Dinner, keep track of the clubs and represent the student body." With her natural charm, enthusiasm, and keen sense of people, Ms. McNally is a natural.

Jeanne has been involved with the U.A. since she entered as a freshman. At the end of her sophomore year, running for the vice-presidency was the obvious thing to do. She enjoys organizing extra-curricular activities even though she finds it difficult to get the student body involved even when the events occur during school hours. The "close relationship" she has developed with her fellow officers makes everything worth it. She is looking forward to the trip to Florida in November with the other U.A. officers. "An additional bonus," is how Ms. McNally puts it. They will attend the National Conference of student services which will provide the opportunity to interact with students from colleges across the United States.

As the semester continues Jeanne learns about the power, priviliges and responsibilities of her new job. She is certain that she will be able to represent the student body well and run lively extra- curricular activties.

Being U.A. Secretary is a large responsibility which that has its ups and downs, but junior Margaret Crehan seems ready and able to take on the challenge.

Margaret is looking forward to all aspects of her position. When asked what she would do if given given total control of St. Joseph's for a day- Her unique sense of humor comes out: "First of all, I'd make room 101 my own office and Sherrie VanArnam would be my secretary. Then I'd knock down one of the buildings and construct a new parking lot."

On the serious side, Margaret, a Political Science major, has loftier ambitions. She plans on attending an out-of-state graduate school and becoming the New York District Attorney some day.

Mr. Dermot Roache, St. Joseph's U.A. Treasurer, has had the most difficult adjustment of all of the officers. Mr. Roache was elected at the beginning of the semester when the post became

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Self Marketing Rather Than Job Hunting

Seniors who are getting ready to jump into the workforce full time, or anyone looking for a job, this article is for you.

It is very important to realize that jobs are not going to fall into your laps. In fact, new college graduates are facing one of the bleakest job markets in 15 years.

According to Florida career counselor and executive search expert, Tom Welch, today's job market requires new and more innovative career strategies than ever before. After counseling thousands of professionals as well as humdreds of companies in designing "out- placement" stategies for their employees, Welch devised a "career search" program based upon self-marketing rather than traditional job-hunting.

Welch offers the following 10 tips designed to create a winning career search strategy:

1. Become a sales person. You are the product. An employer will benefit from hiring you (the product) and gain from having access to your life experience, skills and personality.
2. Determine your unique assets, that includes your interests, strengths, values, skills and personality traits
3. Build on your past accomplishments.
4. Think of your resume as an ad for a product. It's sole purpose is to secure a personal interview.
5. Establish an effective networking process and develop contacts. 74% of positions located are attained through networking. You should contact people you know, formulate a list of potential employers, request referrals, ask advice, seek a personal meeting and be prepared to overcome obstacles.
6. Deal with decision makers. Talk to people in positions of authority because they are the only ones who will be able to help you.
7. Know what your potential employer needs and why you are the best person to satisfy that need. To do this take an active aggressive approach, demonsrate how you can solve their problems, excel in your presentation, and be better than your competition.
8. Provide a service. Don't ask for a job. Ask what you will be for the company-not what the company will be doing for you.
9. Make the most of your personal interview time. This is the single most important factor in the job hunting process. So completley plan your sales presentation. Tell them why you're the best. Nobody else will. Exude enthusiasm and confidence.
10. At the end of the interview, close the deal. If you want the job ask for it. If you need to ask again.

GOOD LUCK !

Nebel Joins SJC Staff

Irene Nebel

by Paul Kelly

Irene Nebel is the newest addition to the staff here at St. Joseph's. She brings to the counseling office a varied and intresting background. Mrs. Nebel has a B.A. in business and psychology from Towson College in Maryland and a M.A. in counseling from Hofstra.

She has worked as a customer representative for American Airlines and as a buyer for Macy's. She is also the single mother of a seven year old daughter and a four year old son.

When asked how she liked the students Ms. Neble responded positively. "The students work hard because nothing is handed to them. They are also down to earth." She feels that students respond well to her, "after they realized that I didn't bite."

Irene Neble brings not only education and experience to St. Joseph's, but a real sense of enthusiasm and good humor. She evev directed this interviewer to a lead on an internship.

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THE ST. JOSEPH'S GRAPEVINE

By: Two of the Grapes

"Did you hear that John broke up with Mary, who is secretly seeing Jim, but they didn't know that John was seeing Sue at the same time? Or so I heard!"

You'll frequently hear this kind of chatter throughout every nook and cranny of St. Joe's. Why exactly do we have the grapevine of rumors? Do we have a network of spies throughout the school dishing up the dirt on everyone? Are we just such a small establishment that we don't know what to do with ourselves? How exactly do these rumors start? Have you ever listened to a conversation from behind a bookcase?

Did you ever see something that you shouldn't have? Have you ever done something and now it's front page news? Is it just natural curiosity, jealousy or just plain old nosiness? What is it that stirs up this need in us to gossip ?

School functions are the major place where rumors start. How many gums were flapping the day after Hell Night, or The Halloween Party, or The LIp-Synch Contest? And what about the ever popular Ski Trip? Did you start any of these rumors?

Knowing everyone in the school makes it hard to keep your lips sealed. Since you know everyone so you want to know everything about them. The next time you start or repeat a rumor, write it down. You may have a steamy novel by the end off the week!

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Take it from us grapes: There's no way to escape it; but, you didn't hear that from us!

And The Officers Are...

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vacant. He did not have the usual summer months to prepare the current budget. Being thrust into the job made him feel "odd and upside down."

Fortunately, this Xaverian graduate, is a quick learner and he has had plenty of help from Mrs. Sherrie VanArnam and his fellow officers. He now feels "comfortable and excited" to be able to have such an integral part of the running of the school. He has direct contact with many students, because he handles the club budgets for all U.A. activities.

Dermot has kind words for all of his fellow students and for Mr. Patrick Regnier, a '91 graduate of St. Joseph's College. Patrick, last year's treasurer, "helped me immensely in the beginning."And now that he is settled in he is looking forward to discovering new ways to bring more money into the U.A. and to drum up more student support. He is positive about the future of the school and his ability to perform the job.

Sherrie VanArnam, Director of Student Activities, comments, "This is a very interesting group. They are enthusiastic, have great ideas, and work really well together."

As we settle into another year at St. Joseph's, our Undergraduate Officers are wished the best of luck. Let's also give them some support.

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ADVISE

"You just call out my name and you know wherever I am I'll come running. You've got a friend."

Dear "Spirit" Readers,

Allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kayz and advice is my game. You don't know me because I'm writing under a pen name. Feel free to write to me about anything. I'll take every letter seriously and I'll answer it to the best of my ability. As far as credentials go, I have an open mind about everything and I care about what you have to say. So write to me soon!

"To write to Kayz: Put letters in the K mailbox located in the Red Room. Mark the letters Kayz and place it in an envelope. For privacy keep all letters anonymous."

Dear Kayz,

I just want to start by saying that I think this column is a fabulous idea! It's great to have a friendly ear who'll listen and be objective. Well, here's my problem: I'm new in school and I'm having a tough time getting to know people. I've made a few friends, but I'm shy and I don't know what to say half the time. The few people that I've met seem really nice and I'd like to meet more, but how can I when I'm so shy?

- Shy in SJC

Dear Shy,

You're friendly and open attitude is the first big step in making friends. The next step is not to be afraid of yourself. You may be shy in the beginning but once you get to know everyone better you'll feel a lot more comfortable and talking will be easier. As far as meeting people is concerned, there are a variety of clubs and activities at St. Joseph's, so find one you're interested in and go for it. Don't try to push a friendship let it come naturally. In a school like St. Joseph's, you're sure to make a lot of great friends, if you just give it time.

How birds see the world.

Movie Review

by Kimberly Rackett

DECEIVED

Can Goldie Hawn be successful in a dramatic role? No way! I thought. Then I saw the movie.

This is not a laugh-a-minute "Private Benjamin." It is a fast paced suspensful thriller. The background music and the camera angles (reminiscent of David Lynch) are perfect. You'll never forget the "rose painting" scene, a frightening combination of music and cinematograghy which literally make you feel anxious and tense.

If you like suspense movies which make you think and guess, or if you simply prefer plastic bags to guns, this is your movie.

"Butterflies Are Free"

by Margaret Creehan and Theresa McFeeley

This semester the Chapel Players performed the play "Butterflies Are Free" which was written by Leonard Gershe.

The production featured such newcomers as Margaret Crehan, Alexis Guarras and Mike Satira. It also included alumnus John Mellone. The four character play takes place in a small apartment in the Village in New York City.

Golda Lawrence, Milena Kotrch and Kristina Maliga are also participated in the performance. Dr. Robert Radus directed. All in attendance will agree it was a grand performance. The cast brought a great deal of energy and life to their characters, while the stage crew succeeded in creating the atmosphere of a New York apartment. Keep an eye out for information on next semester's performance. We can only hope for as strong a performance as Butterflies Are Free.

Come On Down To The Underground

by Maura Fitzgerald and Theresa McFeeley

Deep in the recesses of the 245 building, lies the newest creation from the minds of the occupants of room 101. It's aptly called The Underground and it's the new UA store.

Now you may be thinking to yourself, "Big deal. I can get a pen with the SJC logo on it anywhere." True. But can you get a large selection of items ranging from Champions to novelties? Now you can! The Underground can provide you with quality T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, and even nightshirts. And they make great Christmas gifts!

To find out more about the school's latest endeavour, check with any of the four officers, or just take a trip down yourself. It's located conveniently just below the Red Room (take the stairs located just below the lab steps). Your patronage will be greatly appreciated. Happy Shopping!

1991-92 ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE Brooklyn Campus MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tues., Nov. 19	at WEBB INSTITUTE	8:00p
Mon., Nov. 25	CATHOLIC UNIV. at Loughlin	7:30p
Mon., Dec. 2	at PRATT INSTITUTE	8:00p
Wed., Dec. 4	MT. ST. MARY'S at Loughlin	7:30p
Sun., Dec. 8	at KINGS POINT	7:00p
Tues., Dec. 19	at POLYTECHNIC	8:00p
Fri., Dec. 20	CATHOLIC UNIV. in CU Tournament	8:00p
Sat., Dec. 21	Va. Wesleyan or Capital at Cath U.	TBA
Sun., Dec. 29	UTICA COLLEGE Tournament	TBA
Mon., Dec.30	(Utica, Elmira, Dean(NJ), & SJC)	
Thurs., Jan. 2	YESHIVA UNIV. at Loughlin	8:00p
Sat., Jan. 4	MT. ST. VINCENT's in MSV Tourney	6:00p
Sun., Jan. 5	Centenary or Mt. St. Mary's at MSV	TBA
Sat., Jan. 11	at PHILADELPHIA BIBLE	1:00p
Mon., Jan. 13	ST. JOSEPH'S/Fatchogue at Loughlin	7:30p
Wed., Jan. 15	VALLEY FORGE CHRISTIAN at Loughlin	7:30p
Thurs., Jan. 16	POLYTECHNIC UNIV. at Loughlin	7:30p
Mon., Jan. 20	at STEVENS TECH	7:00p
Thurs., Jan. 23	PRATT INSTITUTE at Loughlin	7:30p
Sat., Jan. 25 at	SUNY-MARITIME	2:00p
Thurs., Jan. 30	at ST. JOSEPH's/Patchogue	7:30p
Sat., Feb. 1	BARD COLLEGE Tournament	TBA
Sun., Feb. 2	(Albany Pharm, S. Vermont, Bard, & SJC)	
Thurs., Feb. 6	at MOLLOY COLLEGE	7:30p
Fri., Feb. 21	LONG ISLAND INVITATIONAL Tournament	TBA
Sat., Feb. 22	(SJC-Patchogue, SJC-Bkn, & 2 others)	
Mon., Feb. 24	at YESHIVA UNIVERSITY	7:30p
Wed., Feb. 26	MOLLOY COLLEGE at Loughlin	7:30p
Sat., Feb. 29	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS at Loughlin	2:00p

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